

THIS IS ONCE THE VOTERS ARE GOING TO BE IN THE MONEY WHEN THIS DARK HORSE COMES IN!

AGAINST THOSE FLEA BAGS ON THE END - WE'RE A CINCH!

SURELY- THEY WOULDN'T RUN A PAIR OF JACKASS IN THIS RACE!! HM-M-M-

THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL BOTH HORSES AT THE SAME TIME, T.H. P?

IF THAT STUFF WORKS - HOW ABOUT GIVING MINE A SHOT?

AW - COME ON! THERE MUST BE A SUCKER IN THE PLACE - I'LL GIVE 300 TO 1 AGAINST Spelman & Blount

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Jones	4 5	Spelman	100 1
Benstead	2 1	Blount	100 1
Patronsky	5 1	Schmidt	50 1
Downing	5 1	Maribella	50 1

**CITY COUNCIL SWEEPSTAKES!**  
— RACING FORM —

# HOT ELECTION FIGHT ENDING; Residents In Arms Over Dump

## Benstead Leading as Home Stretch Nears

TORRANCE — Previews on the biggest Torrance Handicap of the year show Victor E. Benstead as being the most likely of the eight candidate vying for the two seats on the City Council, which will be decided when Torrance residents choose their representatives April 11. This opinion is based on a three-week careful survey of the Torrance "Central" and outlying districts by the Press.

If accurate, the survey shows that Benstead is likely to win a seat on the council by strong margin, with A. J. Patronsky, C. Ed. Jones and George W. Downing running a close second.

From the platform presented by two other candidates, Willys Blount and Harvey Spelman, it is indicated that they have shown their colors too soon, and are apparently too willing to gain votes through the efforts of "central Torrance" pressure groups.

There are two other candidates in the race whose platforms are apparently non-existent. This is indicated by the lack of public interest.

Since there is room for only two winners—and public interest has indicated that the iron rule of "central Torrance" pressure groups will no longer be tolerated, supporters of unpledged candidates seem in a fair way to get the support of the electors.

## Petitions Ask Park Instead Of Rats Nest

Residents of the newly developed Southeast section of Torrance were quick to raise their voices in opposition to the extension of the city dump this week, and petitions bearing scores of names are ready for filing with the City Council asking that the dump at Plaza de Arco and Western avenue be closed forever, and the land there converted into a city park. They call it a rats nest.

It was pointed out that even the F.H.A. is specific in its requirements that the dump be closed to protect loans in the Kettler Knolls section nearby.

Petitions circulated with the aid of C. Ed. Jones, candidate for the City Council, ask that "the City of Torrance abandon the city dump... and that the site be filled with earth and converted into a city park as soon as possible... We further protest further expansion of the dump as a menace to health and safety of the people of Torrance, particularly in this area."

The property owners state that the dump is unsightly, a blight since Western avenue has been cut through and damaging to property.

The Council recently approved the purchase of five acres of land for expansion of the dump and the residents want this land also used for park purposes.

## Shoppers Shortcuts

By HAZEL KELLER

**Orchids to You**  
Ladies will receive orchids to wear when they visit the opening of Frank's Furniture Store, 1334 El Prado in Torrance on Friday, April 7 when Frank Dominguez will welcome friends and former customers at his new store. Furniture in latest designs and styles are being shown and all are invited — so stop in and say hello.

**Mrs. Average Home-maker**  
Don't you think a dressed up kitchen for Easter would make you very happy? Why not drop a hint or two around the house about the handsome line of kitchen ware at the National Home Appliance Store in Torrance. It's the RANSBURG line of brilliant colors of red, yellow, blue and black with outstanding floral designs... just right for spring. Come on over and look at the beautiful variety to be seen in the window. The all-painted Canaster sets, bread boxes, cake plates and covers, dispensers for wax paper, soap flakes, paper towels, match boxes, cleanser, etc., and pretty three-piece shaker sets... make the most desirable of gifts for the home lover. But if m'lady might like something different... maybe

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## Defeat of Bus Sale Proposition Predicted

TORRANCE — That the people of Torrance will vote overwhelmingly against selling Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to private interests is a foregone conclusion, especially in view of revelations in the Press of many instances of mismanagement and politics which apparently were "planned" to wreck the lines. The new City Council will be called upon to put the line in good management hands, operate it properly and efficiently, giving better service to the community.

All candidates for the City Council except two have come out in favor of keeping the municipal bus lines at an early date. The candidates of the Torrance Herald, the Chamber of Commerce and others whose attention to "outside" interests apparently comes before the well-being of the community, made an 11th hour statement. They are Harvey Spelman and Willy Blount.

Champions of Spelman and Blount are headed by G. C. Whyte, Blaine Walker and Commander W. A. Mason who is outspoken in his opposition to the Torrance municipal bus lines. Mason does not want them in Hollywood Riviera; in fact he is the one who brought the Hollywood bus lines to Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Rancho—to take the people, the other way, away from the Torrance shopping center.

Whether Spelman has any deeper interest in Torrance than Mason has not been indicated, except that Spelman sells the Herald all of its paper and newspaper, and recently himself moved to Torrance.

That Spelman has no particular interest in his own section of the city, Seaside Rancho, Hollywood Riviera and Waverly, is shown by his reply to a critic who told Spelman he has no interest in a Southwest Torrance solid front. Spelman is quoted as saying: "To h... with that."

## El Prado Park For Cars Seen

TORRANCE — That El Prado park must some day be utilized for automobile parking was voiced this week by citizens who had a hard time finding available space in the city over the last week-end.

Addis Thomas, one resident, recalled back to the time when El Prado park was first planted. He said then that he could anticipate the time when the park property would be needed for auto parking.

Residents of the outlying sections of Torrance are paying taxes to keep up the park for the benefit of home owners along the park, it was pointed out, but when they drive to Torrance to shop, they cannot find parking places on their own city streets.

## Is Gambling Here to Stay?

This question was being asked on the eve of election, as only two candidates have failed to state their opposition to this type of gambling which has operated openly here for years.

Answer was received after press time and may be found elsewhere in the paper.

The candidates are: Harvey Spelman and Willy Blount.

With the backing of the Herald which never has challenged the operation of the games, but raises a faint and fictitious pre-election cry "gambling" before each election, Spelman and Blount have not indicated that they would go along with the resolution adopted by the City Council last week to ban the pin ball games in Torrance.

Meanwhile, Parent - Teacher members joined others in hailing the Council's action as a move for a cleaner Torrance, joining Long Beach, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and other cities in outlawing the pin ball machines.

## HAGGARD RECALL TALKED

Rumors of a recall movement against Councilman Bob Haggard were heard on the streets of Torrance this week, as the most heated election campaign in Torrance in years was coming to a close.

Sponsors of the movement were not identified, except that they represented interests not only in outlying areas such as Waverly, but from the central area also.

The proponents are said to be dissatisfied with the representation of Haggard, claiming his interests are not with the people of the community as a whole, but with selfish interests seeking to run the community.

## Store Opens

TORRANCE — Newest addition to the expanding business district is Frank's Furniture Store, who will hold their grand opening today in their new store on El Prado.

Owner, Frank Dominguez formerly with the El Prado Furniture Store extended cordial invitation to friends new and old to come in and take advantage of the opening sale.

## Receipt Gains

TORRANCE, April 4. A gain of almost 30 per cent was reflected in postal receipts last month, it was announced today by Mrs. Clara Conner, acting postmaster. The total for last month was \$12,509.49 as compared with \$9941.49 as compared with \$9941.80 in February, she stated. The sum for March, 1949, was \$12,826.10.

## Polling Places Listed

- TORRANCE — Below are the list of polling places which are printed for the convenience of voters in the April 11 election:
- | Pct. No.—Polling Place—                        | Pct. No.—Polling Place—        |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1—2250 W. 182nd St.                            | 16—24404 Hawthorne Ave.        |
| 2—1313 Fern Ave.                               | (Church Annex, Waverly).       |
| 3—736 Border Ave.                              | 17—1307 Portola Ave.           |
| 4—1743 Andree Ave.                             | 18—904 Crenshaw Blvd.          |
| 5—1523 Cravens Ave.                            | 19—22506 Ocean Ave.            |
| (Fire Station)                                 | 20—3600 174th St.              |
| 6—2305 Torrance Blvd., Apt. A.                 | (Fire Station No. 3).          |
| 7—1323 Beech Ave.                              | 21—1314 Fern Ave.              |
| 8—1804 Arlington Ave.                          | (Fern Ave. School).            |
| 9—2313 Andree Ave.                             | 22—1350 Engracia Ave.          |
| 10—2067 Reynosa Drive.                         | 23—23811 Eshelman Ave.         |
| 11—2463 Carson St. (Garage).                   | 24—209 Via Colusa.             |
| 12—3851 242nd St. (Recreation Bldg., Waverly). | (Hollywood Riviera).           |
| 13—908 Cota Ave.                               | 25—Seaside School (Auditorium) |
| 14—1417 Cota Ave.                              | 4651 Sharynne Lane.            |
| 15—1918 Cabrillo Ave.                          | 26—1812 Reynosa Drive.         |
|  | 27—23077 Doris Way.            |
|  | 28—200 Via La Circula          |

## S-B Ticket Wails of 'Plot' On Election Eve

TORRANCE—As lines were being drawn for the municipal election of April 11, next Tuesday, the Herald, like a wailing infant, appeared with headlines about a terrible "plot" to unseat City Manager George Stevens. The previous week the Spelman-Blount mouthpiece had uttered its faint "gambling" cry, but its reaction on that score apparently was negative.

So the experts behind the S-O ticket scratched their heads and dug deeper into their worried skulls and came up with a big "plot."

That they must have dreamed up the plot is assumed because no one else had heard of it, and no one has spoken against Stevens work as City Manager. He has been criticized for his too close attention to his old Culver City friend in the Chamber of Commerce, and the Herald.

But apparently the Herald and the other campaign managers forgot that it takes numerous public hearings or a unanimous vote of the City Council to remove the City Manager. The charter was written that way to protect Stevens or any other manager from just such a "plot."

Yes, they forgot, and dreamed up a great "plot" to get votes for the S-B ticket.

Meanwhile, while other candidates were laughing up their sleeves, Councilman George Powell, charged with the grim "plot" said of Stevens:

"George W. Stevens, in my opinion, is a qualified and efficient City Manager, in whom I have the utmost confidence. He could exhibit greater qualifications and efficiency if it were not for the pressure and coercion of those who prompted the action of the candidates to pervert their principles and tactics to a degree where they publish libelous and false statements regarding City officials with whom they seek to serve. I am not a party to any attempt to replace the City Manager."

As election approaches, it is indicated by reaction of the people that Spelman and Blount are losing favor with each edition of the Herald, since apparently they have no legitimate cause for seeking election to the Council.

A split of the Southwest Torrance vote (which Spelman had counted on) has developed with attacks on such men as Powell, of Waverly, and A. J. Patronsky, of Hollywood Riviera.

Spelman and Blount have said nothing except what the Herald has said for them, and of course, it is well known that the Herald is Spelman's best customer in this area.

The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

The Press will be open to give election returns to those calling, Torrance 1185.

## Who Lost the World's Fair?

TORRANCE — So Torrance Citizens are asking if the reason for losing this fair is the same as reason that the big Lever Brothers plant was lost to Torrance. And other plants?

The Chamber of Commerce knew most about these big deals. The Chamber represented Torrance in negotiating for them. They were lost to Torrance.

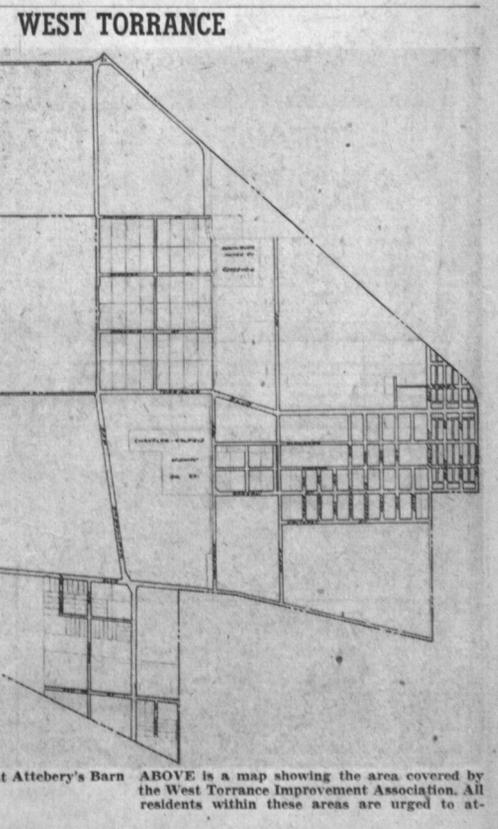
Other items on the agenda will include: repairs on Ocean Ave.; opening of Earl St.; and discussion on just what and where the \$2,000,000 just voted for Torrance Schools is to be spent.

All candidates are invited to attend.

A map of the area included in the West Torrance Improvement Association will be found elsewhere in the paper, and all residents within these boundaries are urged to attend this important meeting.

## The Press Recommends

- The Press recommends the following vote on the Charter amendments which will appear on the April 11 ballot:
1. Pay for Councilmen—YES.
  2. All payments approved by City Manager—YES.
  3. Residence waiver for Civil Service—NO.
  4. Oath of Office—NO. Oath of office is vitally necessary for all city officials, elective or appointive, but not in the manner presented in Amendment No. 4. This amendment is unfortunately presented in a very confusing way.
  5. Place of meeting for the City Council—No. Legalizes "Star" Chamber meetings.
  6. Ordinances—NO. This amendment is taken care of in our present City Charter.
  7. Amending of ordinances—NO.
  8. Repealing of ordinances—NO.
  9. Licensing of lawful games—NO.
  10. Granting of franchises—NO. (This would enable the granting of franchise to an outside Bus company, thereby eliminating the necessity of selling the Municipal bus lines).
  11. City Attorney—NO. Takes away the right of the council to approve a deputy attorney.
  12. Actions against the City—NO. Limits claims against city to shorter period than allowed by State law.
  13. Borrowing of Funds, and method of payment—YES.
  14. Jurisdiction of City Court—YES.
- Proposition No. 1  
SALE OF BUS LINE—NO!



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